

Sun Cities Senior Softball League
Meeting Minutes 04/15/09

Roll Call: Board members in attendance: West: Carol Bowden, Rich Wells, Bob Williams, Chuck Hendrix. Sun City: Dennis Hagerty, Gregg Owens, Linda Graham.

Guests in Attendance: Rick Fish, Mike Graham, Rich McAndrews, Dennis Farrar, Len Wicketts, Ray Early.

New Business:

- Chuck Hendrix stepped down as League Board Secretary. Volunteer to replace Chuck: Linda Graham. **Motion to approve Linda as Board Secretary: Gregg Owens; 2nd Tex Wells: Motion carried.**
- Approval of minutes from March meeting: **Motion to approve as corrected Gregg; 2nd Tex. Motion Carried.** Minutes to be posted only after approval.
- Green Team: Len Wicketts worked with Rich McAndrews to bring a proposal regarding placement of new players. In addition, a partner proposal was brought to place new players stating all new players would participate in evaluation at Sun City on Monday mornings, October through May and Friday mornings at Sun City West, June through September. The Green Team will continue in Sun City as a way for new players to play in a game and receive scoring and umpiring instruction. When new players are in attendance, open practice will be suspended early to allow for infield drills, etc. for new players. Duties of the American League Placement Committee and the National League Committee will include having a representative at the above mentioned practices to evaluate new players before they are placed on teams. Exact wording will be presented for adoption as part of the League Operations document in May. Procedure to start in October **Motion to accept player placement/Green Team proposal: Linda Graham; 2nd Chuck Hendrix. Motion carried**
- Data Base: Rick Fish made a request that the league investigate whether a change in the way we collect, store and distribute league data should be made. The League Data Committee has been charged with doing a study. League Data Committee is Board Member Gregg Owens, Mike Graham, Loran Swanson and other members invited by Gregg Owens (possibly Rick Fish, Dennis Farrar and others). A preliminary report to be presented at the May Board meeting.
- **Motion to change the session ending date to April 1st 2010: Chuck Hendrix; 2nd Bob Williams. Motion carried**

National League: Rich McAndrews

- Start and end times for sessions for American and National Leagues need to be the same due to players moving between leagues.
- National League Committee member Bill Nyblade is stepping down. The opening for a new Sun City member is being advertised. Applicants will be interviewed by current members and a replacement will be named. At this time there is no interest from the National League Committee members to consider term limits. League Board to consider if term limits are needed for NL Committee.
- Current Mercy Rule was presented along with a proposed modification-no action taken.

American League: Gregg Owens

- Earlier suggestions regarding manager rotations and the use of a “Protect the Pitcher” rule have been dropped.
- Player placement document to be corrected and brought to May meeting for approval. (wording to reflect the Operations Document regarding player placement)

Equipment: Ray Early

- Donated softballs are to be used in summer play
- Replacement Schedule for shirts was presented. Ray will contact team managers about the need to replace shirts as scheduled. Letters to determine if a team is going to be a continuing sponsor are sent out in May. Notify Ray so he has time to order new shirts and work with club sponsor reps to replace sponsors if needed.
- President Carol Bowden asked Ray to name a back-up for his purchasing duties.
- Summer and special event shirts are becoming a problem. Sets are incomplete or are getting worn out. Ernie Mueller will be consulted about the “R CAL” sponsorship for this summer before any shirts are ordered. 4 sets of shirts will be brought over from Sun City storage for use.
- Please forward any request from outside vendors regarding purchase of shirts to Ray Early.

Special Events: Tex Wells

- Fun Day was cancelled. Hopefully, it will take place in Sun City next year.
- Palm Desert games scheduled April 25th. Most food has already been purchased.

Data Committee:

- See New Business : Rick Fish Request
- Numbers of players for summer play indicate the 2 leagues will likely combine for the 2nd and 3rd summer sessions. The 2 summer commissioners, Dobbins and Williams are already working on this.

Club Reports:

- Sun City: priority for 2010: modification of bleachers; will request Club Board recognize Green Team be added as a Club Activity
- West: will request new player evaluation time at the end of open practice on Fridays June - September; General Meeting on 04/15/09.

Old Business: None

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: May 13, 2009 Sun City West Mens' Club Roundup Room 8 AM.